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End of era on Queen Street

Kennedy's manager Ruth Hunter, well-known and respected after almost 40 years behind the counter of the Queen Street store, is preparing the space for tnew tenants.

After a lifetime behind the counter of Kennedy's, Ruth Hunter is preparing for her final days on Queen Street.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's been almost 40 years since Ruth Hunter, then just 22 years old, reported to work at a new job on Queen Street—one that involved more dusting than anything at the time—and if it were up to her, her familiar routine would continue.

But all good things come to an end, as has her job at Kennedy's, she learned about 10 days ago. The store purchased by John Kennedy in 1964 that for years dispensed medications to many Niagara-on-the-Lake residents has been leased, she believes to a couple who plan to turn it into a deli and bakery.

Kennedy's, which at about one-third of its original size has in recent years sold mostly souvenirs, cards and ice cream—will close.

Hunter has spent her last week arranging for the disposal of merchandise, after years of ordering it in.

She wasn't sure when her last day would be, but was assuming it would be soon—the tenants were beginning their renovations Tuesday.

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Kennedy's employee not yet ready to enjoy retirement

Most long-time merchants have gone from Queen Street.

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She may continue as a book-keeper for the owner, John Kennedy, but she won't be standing behind the counter at the store that has become her second home.

Although she says she will have more time to spend with her family, including two grandchildren, and for working in her garden when summer comes, she doesn't try to hide the fact that she is feeling lost at the prospect of a retirement that is not at a time of her choosing, or at not having to get up and out in the mornings, not following her accustomed routine, not seeing her regular customers and friends on Queen Street each day.

"I'm not thrilled about it. Certainly I would have stayed longer if I could have."

She knew last year that the store owner was trying to lease the building, but that deal fell through, so the news didn't come completely as a surprise.

"I guess I was just hoping it wouldn't happen," she says.

She really isn't ready for retirement yet—but as a manager who was used to running the store with little input from the owner, she says it might be hard to work for someone else.

"It wouldn't be the same. I'm pretty set in my ways."

After a short time as a cashier when she began working at the pharmacy, she took over the ordering of over-the-counter medication, she recalls, and before long, she was doing all the ordering of stock. Over the years, Kennedy's has sold everything from hardware to underwear, and if a customer asked for something they didn't carry, likely by the next week they would be selling it—she would make sure of that.

"Even today, if you need a hammer, I can sell you one," she says.

"Over the years, you name it, we've carried it at one time or another. We've changed to meet the changing needs of our customers."

When she first began working at Kennedy's it was mainly a pharmacy. But when the IDA came to Mary Street—it has since closed—business slowed down, and that was phased out.

She guesses she's been managing the store for about 35 years. She was never officially given that title, she recalls, but when people would come in and ask who was in charge, the other staff would point to her.

"That's how I became manager. The girls just began calling me that."

In recent years, although she still saw some Old Town locals who would come in for a birthday card or batteries, most of the customers have been tourists, and souvenirs have taken up most of the space that has remained since By the Lake took two-thirds of the space.

"That's the biggest change on the street, that we don't have the local customers any more," she says.

She used to consider the other long-time merchants on Queen Street her friends, but they have all gone, many replaced by chain stores, or by new owners who don't bother to socialize.

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Stores no longer quaint family businesses of early years on Queen St.

In the 1960s Kennedy's was a pharmacy and a hardware store. Even when the store was reduced to about a third of its original size, it still sold hammers, said manager Ruth Hunter.

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"It used to be just quaint, family-owned stores, and all the merchants knew each other. Now they don't," said Hunter.

"And at one time all our customers were locals, and we were always busy, even when we had seven people working here."

These days, Hunter looks after the store by herself with some part-time help, and during the winter especially, has lots of time to catch up on book work.

"I get bored easily, but I'm not bored at work. There is always something to do. I actually asked years ago for more work, and that's when I started doing the payroll and the book work. I wanted something more to do than dusting when we weren't busy."

As business was winding down this week, with a small sign on the window to say the store is closing, people began coming in to tell Hunter they would be sorry to see her, and Kennedy's, disappear.

It's the last of a long line of stores that catered to locals, and Hunter has been on Queen Street longer than anybody who is there now.

She can't hide the emotion she is feeling, her eyes welling up when she talks about saying good-bye to a job she has loved.

"I've met a lot of nice people, and worked with a lot of nice people. I was talking to one of them this morning, and we were both in tears. I'm going to miss this place."

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Waiting game continues almost four years after process began

Chairman of environmental review has sent recommendations to the Ministry.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The long wait is far from over, but Queenston residents have received a sign that the extensive delay could mean good news.

It was almost a year ago that final submissions were made to an environmental tribunal chairman hearing an appeal of a Niagara Escarpment Commission decision to allow Whirlpool Jets a new building at the Queenston sand dock, one more than double the size of the original.

Following the wrap-up of arguments last April, a telephone conference call was held in June to look at some documents obtained by the counsel for the Queenston Residents Association that had to do with land use, and since then, nothing more had been heard on the issue, says QRA president Jim Armstrong—until last week.

Residents have learned that Robert Wright, chairman of the review that became the longest in the history of the tribunal at almost 30 days spread over more than a year, has submitted his decision in the form of a recommendation to the Minister of Natural Resources.

Although his recommendation will remain unknown for a time—possibly several months—until the minister releases his decision—the news bodes well for the QRA, says Armstrong.

The fact that the chairman's report is in the form of a recommendation means that he disagrees with some aspect of the Niagara Escarpment Commission decision to allow Whirlpool Jets to go ahead with their rebuilding, which the QRA maintains will lead to an expansion of the business.

> **"As the longest tribunal in the Ministry history it was not an insignificant case."**
>
> *— QRA president Jim Armstrong*

"The chairman told us at the end of the hearing— 'if you hear within a week, then the appeal has been turned back, if you hear nothing then I will be writing a report.' The fact that he was writing a report means he doesn't agree with the decision of the Niagara Escarpment in some respect. We just don't know to what degree," says Armstrong.

"It could be he has recommended a broader environmental assessment, he could be commenting on the size of the building, or he may even have decided the land use is illegal."

But the chairman's disagreement with the decision must be of some substance, said Armstrong, otherwise he wouldn't be bothering the minister with a report.

The minister can agree with the recommendation, says Armstrong, he can modify it or do nothing at all, which would mean he accepts the decision of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

"Who knows what will happen now," says Armstrong.

Or how long it will take.

"I would presume the minister would look at it seriously. As the longest tribunal in the ministry history, it was not an insignificant case. I don't think it will be a recommendation the minister can just ignore. He will be looking at a well-thought out decision that will be backstopped with law."

As a businessman unable to plan for the coming season, John Kinney of Whirlpool Jetboats says the delay has been "extremely frustrating."

The process to enlarge and improve his building began in the spring of 2007, he says.

The resources that have been spent on the review in time and money, by town staff, the NEC, the region, the Niagara Peninsula Authority and the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans have been "ungodly," Kinney says.

"When a municipal process is well into its fifth year, I would say it's flawed, regardless of the decision."

Now, as both sides continue to play the waiting game, Armstrong says of the appeal launched by residents, "we hope we have achieved something that will be meaningful."

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Council backs bill to help remove barriers to grandparents' rights

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

MPP Kim Craitor has the backing of town councillors as he presses forward with his commitment to extend the rights of grandparents to maintain ties with the grandchildren.

Craitor first asked for support of his private member's bill in December, but Councillor Jamie King, fresh from a fall election that handed him his first term on council, had some hesitation about wading in on an issue that didn't seem to have much to do with municipal council. The request was deferred, and when it came back to NOTL councillors last week, King said he had talked to the MPP, had a better understanding of the issue and had no trouble supporting a bill that Craitor has been working on for four years.

Craitor explained that politicians are often asked to help a constituent, whether or not the problem falls within their jurisdiction,and King said he was grateful for the insight.

The bill asks that parents and others with custody of children be prevented from placing obstacles to relationships between grandparents and their grandchildren. It talks of the importance of maintaining emotional ties and the need to encourage contact whenever it's in the best interest of the child.

King says in addition to his reservation about a municipal representative weighing in on provincial issues, he was concerned that the bill might be an infringement of parents' rights.

But Craitor explained the bill was careful to ensure that a child's best interest would always come first—that a judge would not force a relationship with a grandparent if it were not in the best interest of the child.

King said he was also concerned with the process—that council was asked to support the bill without any time to look into the issue. He wanted time to do some research, and was grateful that he was afforded that opportunity.

"We should be able to take some time to examine something as important as this, before being asked for our support. It also gives the public a chance to contact us if they have some concerns," he said.

"But in this case, it had been brought forward as a resolution to be passed that evening. I wasn't comfortable with that."

Council voted unanimously last week to notify the province and the region that they support Craitor's bill, which has passed second reading in the legislature and is now the subject of further research.

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our editorial

Taking 'poor' from Academy isn't reducing opposition

Trustees of the District School Board of Niagara will meet this Tuesday, and before them is a motion from Niagara-on-the-Lake trustee Jonathan Fast to rescind their approval of the DSBN Academy.

The board has taken the income factor out of the requirements for the school, which is aimed at helping a select few students, bused from their home communities, to post-secondary education.

Now, we're told, the requirements are that students be motivated and their parents not have gone past high school. Many parents find that discriminating and insulting.

And it doesn't change the fact that board resources are being spent to segregate some students, rather than spreading those resources across all high schools to give every student an improved opportunity to the benefits of post-secondary education.

The opposition to this academy and the criticism that has reached far beyond the boundaries of the DSBN are quite staggering. And that's for a simple reason—it is a concept that is not backed by statistics, that will be expensive to operate and will benefit only a few students, at a time when there are students needing help for so many other reasons than their parents' education history.

It's a silly idea, and one the school board cannot afford. We hope they take a serious second look at what they're planning when the topic of the academy comes up for discussion Tuesday.

Community Centre update

Amy Hart, Meridian Credit Union Virgil branch manager, and Ken Janzen, senior director and regional manager, present a cheque for $15,000 to Neil Viola, Jim Collard, Clive Buist, Rob Weier, Wally Bogusat and Ralph Tallman, members of the community centre fundraising committee. The committee has a goal of raising $450,000 before the March 26 opening of the community centre and is at about $435,000. The campaign fundraising committee has extended the deadline for donations to be included on the donor wall for the March 26 opening of the community centre. Pledge or donate by Feb. 21 and a donation of $100 or more will be displayed in the foyer of the new facility. Pledge or drop off a donation at the Parks and Recreation office at the Virgil arena or at Simpson's Pharmacy, or call 905-468-2121.

letters to the editor

DSBN silence deafening

Voters, taxpayers and most candidates were obviously deemed unworthy to make an intelligent decision in the October elections.

I can find no other answer to the obvious question - Why were the DSBN Academy and the use of NDSS as a resource centre not made public before the election? To paraphrase an old statement - the silence of all incumbents and senior staff was deafening.

We in NOTL must stay focused. The DSBN Academy will be cancelled. A stupid idea will not become a good idea just because Warren Hoshizaki likes it.

It is my understanding that under the Municipal Elections Act this "silence" could be a serious breach of trust and could be a violation of public office.

The Liberal Government of Ontario has the responsibility to ensure free and democratic municipal elections. There are enough unanswered questions to warrant investigation into this mess.

Don MacDougall

What are plans for other schools?

My daughter recently brought home an information flyer for the DSBN Academy information sessions. The flyer outlines the Academy "Strategies for Success" to be 1) schoolwide shared beliefs focused on post-secondary preparation; 2) Committed and motivated students, families and staff; 3) Single track academic program; 4) Advisory program support; 5) After school "encore" programs; 6) Programming that encourages parent involvement; and 7) Transportation.

If this new academy is going to provide all of the above, what is the DSBN providing now other than transportation? Are they telling parents that the schools our kids attend now do not believe in post-secondary education, have no program support or do not have motivated staff?

The DSBN needs to let parents and taxpayers know what it is they plan on providing at schools other than the new DSBN Academy. If the DSBN is placing resources and emphasis only on a school 99 per cent of students cannot attend, I am sure that many families will look closely at the alternatives to the current public school board.

Blair Cowan

Hydro bill down from 2002

The article on George Lepp and Tim Hudak, and your accompany editorial (Niagara Advance, Jan. 27) about soaring hydro costs under the McGuinty government got me quite concerned. "Under the McGuinty watch," he said, "Hydro rates have increased by 75 per cent."

Wow, that is a lot. And I hadn't even really noticed.

Being curious I checked our old files. In 2002 (prior to McGuinty) we paid $144.80 for 1123kWh of electricity (12.9 cents/kWh). Our bill for January, 2011 just came in and we paid $152.95 for 1250 kWh (12.2 cents/kWh).

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Perhaps Mr. Hudak or Mr. Lepp could explain how they arrived at their calculations. Or perhaps NOTL Hydro has protected us from a huge increase in rates.

LJ Silver

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The Newton Family

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I also want to thank Mike Friesen who stopped to ask me if I was okay or if I needed help a few weeks ago when my Jeep was being stubborn on a cold night and didn't want to take me home. You didn't have to stop and help but you did.

It's nice to know our future is in your hands.

Anna Tiedtke

letters to the editor

Open Letter to Rob Nicolson regarding MP Bev Oda

Hello Rob . . . hope all is well with you.

I hope you will take the following comments seriously,and if you find time, I would appreciate a response.

I have been following the commentary about the actions of Bev Oda, currently a minister of our government, fairly closely.

As a 60+ Canadian I am appalled by her actions. Were she in business she likely would have been fired already, and were she an officer of a public company, it is likely she could be charged with several crimes.

I am concerned that the MPs are not able to stand and speak for their constituents when these things occur.

I have spoken to several Niagara-on-the-Lake friends and they have gone so far as to admit that they expect to be lied to by MPs.

Do you lie to us? Do you change documents to suit your needs or those of your leader? Do you approve of Bev Oda not only changing a document, but denying it . . . both apparently lies?

Why have you not gone on the record to get rid of such a vile MP that would besmirch the Parliament of Canada's reputation, if not in the country, certainly in the world?

Thank you in advance for your comments. Were you not able to answer me directly, perhaps you could do so in some other public forum.

Bruce E. Ross

Project Love on Valentine's Day

The students of Maple Leaf Montessori School of NOTL prepare packages of school supplies for Project Love's Valentine's Day global education program, which delivers items such as notebooks, pencils, rulers and erasers to children in need in other parts of the world.

School board draws region–wide response with polarized views on DSBN academy

Doors at NDSS close, doors at community centre open.

Sandra Cowan & Georgina Keller
Friends of NDSS

As we start into the second semester of the school year, there is an opportunity for a fresh start. However, the public school board has stumbled out of the gate.

The DSBN has found itself in a quagmire, again driving a wedge into the supporters of the public school system with polarized views on their new plan for the DSBN Academy.

This time they have struck region wide response and not been specific to a family of schools. The public relations office and spin doctors are working overtime. There are many facets to their communication problem. One is defining selective separation by choice. The word segregation has been in the news a lot in the past weeks.

We would like to look at the opposite of segregation and consider integration. Our separate villages and neighbourhoods combine to be the single larger unit of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Ever the optimists, we would like to think that although there are many opinions in this community of NOTL, there are still things that can unify us.

We consider landmarks important to community life, an important part of our identity. There has been a transformation to our landscape over the past few months. The doors of our community high school have been closed to students now for six months. Over that time, construction has been busy at our new community centre and it is progressing toward its grand opening. It promises to be "our place to play".

It is time again to celebrate and bring our community of NOTL together. Mark your calendars - April 9 we will be looking forward to seeing friends and neighbours gather and socialize at the new community centre to reflect on the old and welcome the new. The Friends of NDSS will be holding another community social - we're still fundraising and we like to throw a good party.

When one door closes, another one opens.

Heather blooming at this time of year? Not in my garden, it isn't

Gardener was disappointed not to find it flowering under the snow.

Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

I have been told that my white heather blooms in the winter – so I had to try and find it.

I had to dig through the snow to find this rather sad state of affairs—definitely not blooming heather, I was really disappointed.

The dog thought it was time for fun and the chickadees protested my interrupting their feeding schedule. So I covered it up again and will await spring with patience, not my strong point.

It is back to the planning stages again. It is only about four weeks until the nurseries will all be opening and we can wander round and dream.

And I love the sounds of the program for the Horticulture Society next Tuesday night at the Community Centre on Platoff Street: Jackie Lynch "The Grass Lady" will talk to us as gardeners and tell what we can do to help save our environment, while having some fun doing it.

Respecting the Balance of Nature in Our Gardens is her topic and I'm sure we all will learn a lot.

Maybe she will have the answer for some of our members who are getting very frustrated with the number of deer who seem to think planting efforts are to give the deer more variety – if you have been successful in getting the deer to leave your evergreens alone bring your ideas next Tuesday to share.

The coffee is on for 6.30 p.m. and visitors and new members are always welcome.

Happy gardening.

This is all gardener Jean Cochrane could find when she went digging in the snow to see if her heather was blooming.

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

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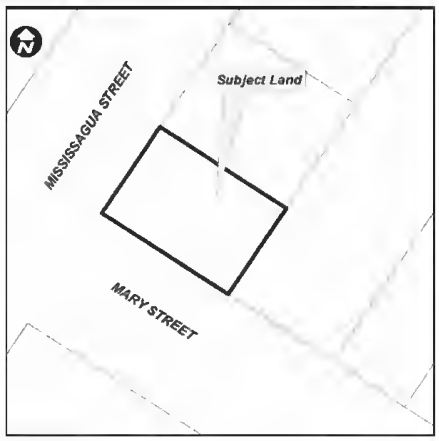
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

442 Mississauga Street - Dfficial Plan & Zoning

PROPOSED CHANGE
To permit a 180 square metre one storey commercial office building and parking area for 7 cars.

HAVE YOUR SAY
Input on any proposal is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by: speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Date: March 14, 2011
Time: 8:00 PM
Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Administrative Offices
Council Chambers
1593 Four Mile Creek Road
Virgil, Ontario



WRITTEN SUBMISSION
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MORE INFORMATION
For more information please contact Kay Grant at 905-468-3266, extension 297. A copy of this notice can be found on the Towns website at www.notl.org.

LEGAL NOTICE
Section 17 and 34 of the Planning Act

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town Council in respect to this matter you must make a written request to the Town Clerk.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 17th day of February 2011.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

2 Andres Street - Zoning Change

PROPOSED CHANGE
To permit retail sales of art as part of an existing home occupation in a single detached dwelling.

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Please visit the Town's website at www.notl.org for up to date information on Town Business.

Klaus Reif wins lifetime achievement award from provincial wine society

Award presentation comes as nice surprise during annual winter getaway.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Klaus Reif and his uncle, Ewald Reif, have been presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for their pioneering efforts and contributions to winemaking in Ontario.

The Ontario Wine Society's annual winter and wine getaway was hosted at Reif Estate Winery recently, where members enjoyed a winery tour and special wine tasting with winemaker Roberto DiDomenico.

In the evening, Klaus Reif hosted attendees for a delicious gourmet meal paired with his favourite wines.

Klaus, however, was not aware that the evening had been planned with a special purpose in mind—a surprise presentation of the prestigious award.

"It was such a pleasant surprise and an honour to receive this award from long standing supporters of the Ontario Wine Industry and to be in such great company of past recipients," said Reif.

"The society has also been pioneers in the education and promotion of Ontario wines to their members."

The Ontario Wine Society has presented the award on select occasions to others in the industry such as Karl Kaiser, Paul Bosc Sr., and John Marynissen. The award itself is a specially commissioned piece of multi-media artwork created by artist Tom Grella who currently resides in Argentina.

The Ontario Wine Society is a non-profit club that explores the wines of Ontario and those of other regions of the world through informal, educational, diverse and social tastings and special events. They currently have three chapters - Toronto, Niagara Peninsula and Oakville. They are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year.

ANDY MCCRAW Special to the Advance

Klaus Reif of Reif Estate Winery accepts his Lifetime Achievement Award from Wendy Muir of the Ontario Wine Society.

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BATTLE OF QUEENSTON HEIGHTS

The Niagara-on-the-Lake War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee has requested that Canada Post consider issuing a commemorative stamp on the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights in October 2012

Although no decision has been made, Canada Post welcomes suggestions for the design of its commemorative stamps.

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Satellite boxes are not recommended to plug into a Smart Strip as they take a while to reset.

Couple says there have been no harsh words—not even after 70 years

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

They've endured years of separation, and lived all over the world in their lifetime together, but as they celebrate 70 years of marriage, Fred and Olive Brinn are making a world of their own in a small room at Upper Canada Lodge, where they are rarely separated by more than a few feet.

The couple has led an interesting and story-book life, thanks to Fred's decision, when the Second World War came to an end, to make the army his career.

Fred and Olive had known each other and been school mates since they were about 12 or 13, in Finchley, a district in North London. That was 80 years ago—Fred is now 92, Olive 93.

"I didn't know I was marrying an older woman until we got married," said Fred.

"The subject never came up."

Fred, a smart-looking, clean-living army man—"if I do say so myself," he jokes, was taken by the very pretty young woman and skillful dancer who had been a good friend. Once the soldier knew he was about to go overseas, he asked Olive to marry him before he left—if he didn't return, she would receive a good pension, he said.

She agreed, they got married, and the next day he was shipped overseas.

"I showed up at ber doorstep and knocked at 7 o'clock one morning four years later, " he said.

He had intended to leave the army, but he had trouble settling after the years of moving around. Together they decided he would make a career out of the army, which he did, for 25 years. During that time, he said, they travelled to more than 40 countries—Jamaica, Italy, the middle East, North Africa, East Africa and Somalia are just few—and lived in several, where Olive often had help with running a household and raising their one daughter, Elizabeth, who was born in 1946.

Fred had specialized during the war in public health, and rose to become the chief public health officer when he retired in 1961. Then, he and Olive bought and ran three pubs—even working together, spending 24 hours a day at each other's side, didn't strain their relationship.

"I can honestly say I don't think we had any harsh words, anything that would have made us walk away from each other."

The couple was in their mid-70s when they moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake, following their daughter and grandchildren. They bought a little house on Shakespeare, where the only work they puttered in their garden.

They moved into Upper Canada when Olive lost her sight.

See Page 11

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Message by: Greg Alderton
Wisdom for your Heart

Orchard Park Bible Church
434 Hunter Rd. 905-468-5731
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Sunday, February 20th
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am to 10:45 am
Message by Pastor Jim Evans
"What is the Kingdom of Heaven?"
Nursery and Kidzone for ages 3 to SK during the service

St. Saviour's Anglican Church
General Brock Memorial
on the Niagara River in
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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

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February Theme: 'God is still speaking'
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www.ncachurch.net: check here for events and podcasts.

Cornerstone Community Church
www.ccchurch.ca
1570 Niagara Stone Rd.
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Sunday, February 20th
9:30am: 1st Service (nursery care provided entire service)
• 10:30am: Coffee Time
• 11:00am: 2nd Service
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Message by: Kevin Bayne, Pastor

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10:00 am Germen Service
Message by Jakob Peters
11:00 am Worship Service
Message by
Pastor Rudy Dirks
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Pastors:
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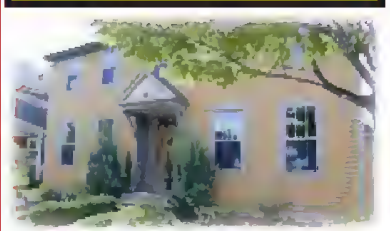
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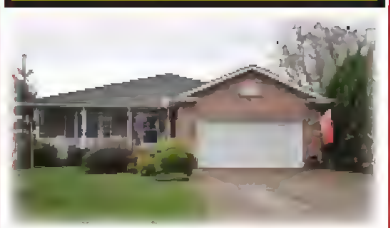
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'Just the luck of the game'

From Page 11

"Everything is done for us—the nurses look after her bathing and clothing, and are very good about it. I have no complaints about her care. And we have all our meals here. We are well-looked after."

Their daughter visits daily, and although one grandchild lives near Toronto and the other in Vancouver, Fred says they maintain a close relationship with their grandchildren.

Their 70 years together, he says, "have been very good. We've traveled and led a good live, meeting new people and seeing new places, most often with our daughter. We were very young when we got married, and we've lived through a lot to get us to this, most of it good. I don't recall aver having any falling out, or either of us ever going off in a huff. I think we agreed to disagree. We both did what we wanted to do. I think we're just lucky we're still here, and still on good speaking terms. I would say we're quite content," says Fred.

"We worked well together, but it is really just the luck of the game - I think that's all it is."

"If one of you is angry, if you see a fight coming, pick another subject to talk about," advises Olive, if you hope to have a long relationship.

The couple remember their 60th anniversary with fondness—their daughter planned a meal out with family and friends, and arranged for a white limousine to pick up her parents.

Plans for their 70th are simple—using one of the rooms at Upper Canada to hold a small reception on the afternoon of their anniversary, March 2.

Fred and Olive Brinn share a room at Upper Canada Lodge now, still looking after each other after 70 years of marriage.

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180 MARY -$349,000.

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12 VINCENT - $349,000.

Adorable 2 bedroom cottage is located in one of the most sought after areas in town close to the lake, park and magnificent sunsets. MLS 20125737. Victoria (Vicki) Bolduc.

225 WILLIAM - $619,000.

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Redekop can't throw books out

Yearbook sales will help pay legal fees.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Debbie Redekop, a member of the Friends of NDSS, has 16 boxes of Niagara District Secondary School yearbooks in her basement.

And Friends of NDSS still have a $10,000 legal bill to pay for a request for an injunction and review that they had hoped would stop the closure of the town's only high school.

Most of the books are from 1980 and 2010, and are brand new, she says.

When NDSS was closing, the principal, Mike Cockburn, asked her to take the books—otherwise they would have been thrown out.

Redekop has given complete sets to the Niagara Historical Museum and to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library, and has sold some, but she still has too many left to keep.

"My husband wants me to get rid of them. He wants the basement back."

She is asking $10 each. Call her at 905-262-5460 or email her at wredekop@cogeco.ca.

Debbie Redekop has boxes of new NDSS yearbooks she'd like to clear out of her basement.

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Annually, United Way examines one of its three priority areas in detail and invests funds for the following three years. In 2011, United Way of St. Catharines & District is focusing on the priority area of ***Building Communities.*** This priority area supports programs which:

- *assist people in breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness* through food programs, emergency housing and training programs
- *promote freedom of violence* through assisting people in crisis from violent relationships
- *strengthen neighbourhoods* through family support programs, as well as information and referral

Programs applying for funding through United Way must demonstrate community need, and communicate achievable program outcomes. In addition to the application, all applicants are required to meet with the Community Investment Panel to present their application and address questions from volunteer panel members. Programs currently receiving funding from United Way in this priority area, as well as new applicants must complete an application package by ***Friday April 1, 2011***.

To obtain the application and/or learn more about the application process, please contact Nancy Di Pasquale, Director of Community Investment and Communications at (905) 688-5050, ext. 104. Successful applicants will receive funding from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

Agencies applying for the first time are encouraged to call for information prior to completing the application.

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Mid-term break is fast approaching and if parents and their school-aged children are not planning to travel, might I suggest that they register their children in the Niagara-on-the-Lake's Public Library mid-term break programs.

On Tuesday, March 15, for example, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., there will be "Playdough Zone" for children of all ages, to experience the freedom of squishing, and rolling and shaping clay-like characters such as those in the stories written by Barbara Reid. Then, from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., that will be followed by "Candy Sushi" for children aged seven and up, which will be a multi-cultural experience in which children make tasty snacks shaped like those seen on a sushi menu.

Wednesday, March 16, will be completely different from Tuesday's program. From 11 a.m. until almost noon, there will be songs and stories, geared for children aged two to six, with Rusty from the TV show Alfredo Tomato.

That will be followed at 2:30 p.m. by an all time favourite movie for older children—The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader.

Thursday and Friday will be party days plus another movie. Thursday is, of course, March 17 and St. Patrick's Day, so at 2:30 p.m., there will be a Lucky Leprechaun Party where children, aged four and up, are encouraged to be dressed in green and ready to hunt for treasure. Then, later at 6:30 p.m., there will be another literature-based movie called "Gulliver's Travels."

Friday, March 18, however, can truly be called an extravaganza. From 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., there will be a Royal Tea Party to celebrate the upcoming Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Also geared to children aged four and up, invitees should arrive all dressed up for a royal event.

So, the mid-term break programs have something for everyone, from ages two to teens. As well, I would like to remind parents of teens, that because of the proceeds from last summer's book sale, we now have a greatly improved collection of youth non-fiction and fiction, especially visual novels.

For more information, parents can pick up the March Break 2011 brochure at the library or check out the animated link on the library's website at www.notlpubliclibrary.org.

However, given the expected popularity of these programs and movies, registration will need to be done in person at the library reference desk.

Thia and Rheana London, Simone Covatta with Annaliesa, Resa Mastromatteo with her son Roc, Corrie Nickel with David and Rita Wiens with Ella enjoy a weekday morning program with books and toys at the NOTL Public Library.

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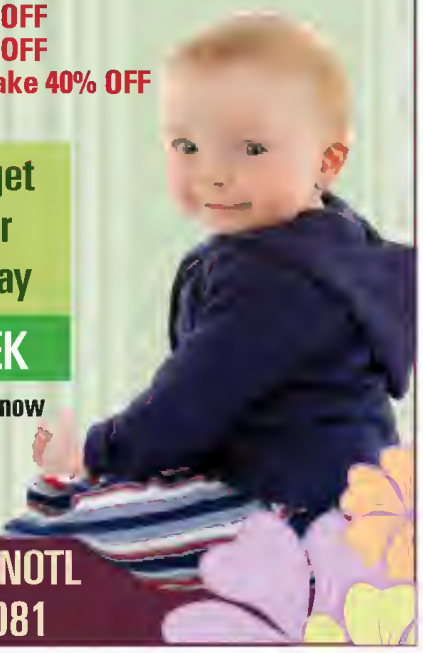

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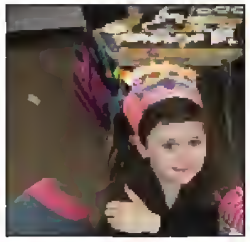
St. Michael to participate in live webcast interview with David Suzuki

Students will get to question the famous environmentalist.

Antonia Martin and Maddie Bentall
St. Michael School



St. Michael Catholic School
In the Classroom

February has brought us loads of snow. Our playground turned into a giant snowball and snow fort building area. And now it looks like Mr. Groundhog might have been right with his prediction of an early spring, as we warmed up this week.

We are sure there are still a few cold days with more snow to come.

Our virtue for the month is love. We have been demonstrating this toward one another. We had a week of fun events as a fundraiser for Kids Helping Kids. Students did up their craziest hair, favourite sports jerseys, wore their snuggliest pjs, and donned some weird hats all while raising money.

Students also could buy tickets for a draw to win Ice Dog tickets and for the chance to be principal for the day. Our generous students and families raised a large sum for the charity. Of course, we also had lots of fun too.

We held our speech finals in the gym recently. The top two students were chosen from each class, Grades 4-8. Teachers report that in-class there were so many strong speakers and interesting topics, and it was a challenge to chose who would go into the gym finals.

In the gym, we heard topics ranging from Dreams to Weird Laws to NASA. Our winners in the Junior category: first Stanley Elltoft and second Aiden Buis; and in the intermediate category: first Kelly Neuroth and second Haleigh Cumiskey.

Our first place winners will represent our school at the provincial level of Catholic schools competition and our second place winners will represent our school at the Royal Canadian Legion. Good luck as they move on in competition.

Last Friday was the 100th day of school. In the Grade 1 classes they celebrated with many exciting activities. The students took turns making 100 piece snacks, playing a race to 100game, building 100 piece structures out of Lego and decorating their own 100th day hats with 100 stickers. They had a very exciting 100th day of school.

Last Friday evening, members of our Eco-club and their parents met at the Shaw Festival to watch Forces of Nature: David Suzuki.

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Haleigh Cumiskey, Stanley Elltoft, Aidan Buis and Kelly Neuroth are the students who get to move on in the competitions for the best speeches.

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Grade 2s enjoyed children's museum

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This movie was showcasing David Suzuki's life and his philosophy of how we need to treat our fragile earth.

Our school has been selected as one of 100 schools in Ontario to participate in a live webcast interview with David Suzuki.

Our entire school will get to webcast and meet Mr. Suzuki and members of the Eco-club will get to ask him questions. We are very excited to have this wonderful opportunity. More about this in our next news article.

Our Grade 2 students, as an extension of their science unit on Simple Machines, travelled to the Niagara Children's Museum. In groups, they rotated through hands-on stations learning all about Moving Things. The students all experienced added understanding of the lessons taught in their classes. Talking to them, they said they had a great time.

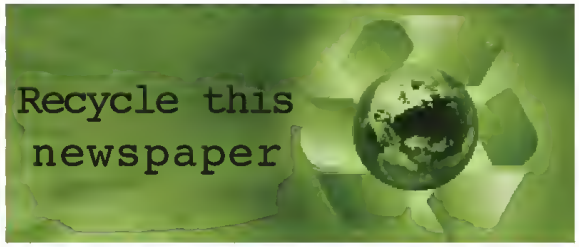
Ice skating, Mad Science, Valentine's Red, White, and Pink day, and Art Gallery are activities all happening in February, as well as report cards.

Intermediate boys and girls basketball tournaments have been taking place. Coaches report that the teams are practising daily and playing their best.

Our choir is beginning to practice for Music Monday in May and we have accepted the invitation to be a part of the new Niagara Falls Convention Center opening in April.

Couple of reminders: February is the month for signing up for full-day JK and SK, and you know Great things continue to happen in Catholic Education. As well, Monday Feb. 21 is Family Day, we wish you all a relaxing day spent enjoying activities with your family.

Grade 1 St. Michael students Bronte Ibbotson, Kaitlin Goldsworthy and Trinity Griese are all having fun, while learning various methods of grouping and counting to 100, on the 100th Day of School.



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FRI FEBRUARY 18
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In late 2007, filmmakers Ariel Schulman and Henry Joost sensed a story unfolding as they began to film the life of Ariel's brother, Nev. They had no idea that their project would lead to the most exhilarating and unsettling months of their lives.

SAT FEBRUARY 19
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FRI FEBRUARY 25
INSIDE JOB
5:30pm Festival Theatre
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SAT FEBRUARY 26
ANOTHER YEAR
3pm Festival Theatre
Directed by Mike Leigh. A married couple who have managed to remain blissfully happy into their autumn years, are surrounded over the course of the four seasons of one average year by friends, colleagues, and family who all seem to suffer some degree of unhappiness.

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February is the month to celebrate NOTL's rich black history

From 1793, slaves entering Ontario were free.

Sarah Maloney
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February is Black History Month, a time to recognize and pay tribute to the legacy of Black Canadians.

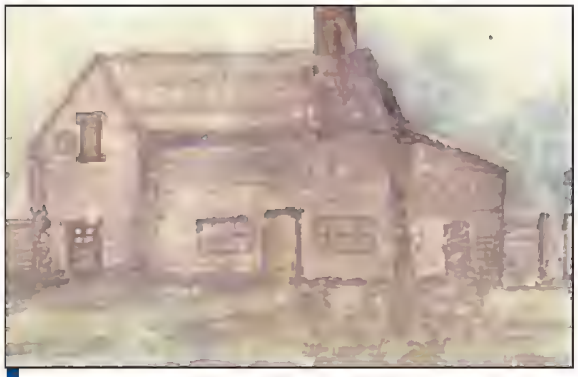
Niagara-on-the-Lake has a rich black history. It is well known that in 1793 the Upper Canada legislature, located in Niagara at the time, passed an act allowing all slaves entering the province to be free and children born of slaves be free at the age of 25.

One significant individual in our history is William Riley who arrived in Niagara in 1802. Riley was an escaped slave from Fredericksburg, Virginia who, in 1819, bought the one acre town lot 276 from William Dickson for 50 pounds. This purchase made Riley the third black man to own property in the village.

The property was located at the corner of Mary and Victoria Streets in the town of Niagara's "coloured village", approximately the area within the boundaries of King, William, Ann and Butler Streets of Old Town.

Riley built a log house that same year which can be seen in the sketch which was done in the 1880s.

He had been married the year before at Lake Lodge, the home of Rev. Robert Addison, to Addison's servant Fanny.



This sketch of William Riley's log house is the only extant image of an early home built by a former slave in the town of Niagara's 'coloured village'. The drawing was donated to the Niagara Historical Society museum by Riley's daughter, who was Janet Carnochan's major source of information about the town's 19th century black community.

By 1851, eight family members lived in the house: William, Fanny, their children Mary Ann, Fanny, Edward, and three grandchildren, William, Fanny and Edward.

After Riley's death in 1860, Edward and his sisters inherited lot 276. The last family member to own the land was William's granddaughter, Fanny Rowley, who also owned 177 King and 143 King Street, and the Rowley Block on Queen Street.

She left town in 1905, ending the family's connection with lot 276.

For more information about the Riley family and the larger black community read the Niagara Historical Society pamphlet or "Slavery and Freedom in Niagara" by Michael Power and Nancy Butler.

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With more than 100 of the best known radio hits of all time, On the Radio, is a two hour high-energy journey through the sounds, fads and fashions that revolutionized generations. Songs such as Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, In the Mood, Hound Dog, Help, Don't Go Breakin' My Heart—and so many more, songs that take you from the 1940s to the 1970s.

This new original musical is by Lee Seigel, the creator of the theatre's popular Jump n' Jive musicals which had audiences dancing in the aisles over the past two years.

"This two-hour musical show is so packed with over 100 songs, 100 costume changes and great lighting effects, audiences will feel like they have been transported back in time as they experience one great radio song after another", says Niagara-on-the-Lake's Jim Cooper, a talented singer himself and producer of the show.

"This is a great show to bring your parents and your kids to," says Anne Robinson, vice-president of Oh Canada Eh?.

The dinner theatre is designed to be the perfect place for families and friends to sit together at a table, enjoy a great meal and then sit back and enjoy a fantastic show that all ages can relate to and enjoy, says Robinson.

The second act includes songs from more recent decades: Hit Me With Your Best Shot, You Shook Me All Night Long, Thriller, Livin' La Vida Loca, Please Don't Stop the Music and more.

The Canadian-themed log cabin theatre seats 250 people and offers kids free in the Maple seating section with each paid adult. Visit ohcanadaeh.com or call the theatre box office at 905-374-1995.

Music of every decade from the 40s on—above, by Meaghan Chapin and Jean-Francois Grenier in a flashback to the 1980s—is represented in On the Radio, a new dinner show by Oh Canada Eh?.

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Consecutive ties in back and forth action for Firefighters

Ward hat trick ties game 6-6 for St. Davids against Thorold,singles and strong defence earn 3-3 tie with Pelham.

The St. David's Firefighters of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association hosted Thorold recently and finished with a 6-6 tie game.

It was back and forth action for the Wolves with the starting of the scoring early in the game as Austin Gould assisted by Matthew Ward got two nice goals.

The pressure continued with the Thorold team fighting back to tie the game.

Next Michael Ward assisted by Joel Gula collected two beautiful goals shot high in the corner of the net. Then Tyler Cullen scored a sweet goal assisted by Ewan Fenwick.

Down by one and only 1:44 left on the clock Michael Ward got his hat trick and tied the game for the Firefighters.

Joel Gula, Macgregor Armstrong, Austin Gould and Ewan Fenwick played solid defence and Cameron Kiemele was solid behind the pipes in net.

On Saturday the Firefighters hosted Pelham and ended with a 3-3 tie.

Tyler Cullen collected a goal and two assists with Noah Lavoie and Macgregor Armstrong scoring outstanding goals.

Strong defence played by Ryan Heaven and Ewan Fenwick as they fed the puck up to the offence of Cameron Schulz, Evan Burland, Noah Andrusiw, Alicia Juras and Matthew Ward helped to kept the score even.

Cairns State Farm/Phils Valu–mart Wolves end regular season on high

Goalie Peter Rigas aids team with 4-0 shutout against Thorold.

The Cairns State Farm/Phils Valumart novice house league Wolves finished their regular season on a high, blanking Lincoln 4-0.

Goalie Peter Rigas was fantastic in net, keeping the Wolves in the game until the offence got rolling.

Scoreless after two periods, Cairns State Farm/Phils Valu-mart started skating, passing and going to the net in the third. Brian Hawkins was in his office in front of the net and banged in the first goal, with assists from Xavier Carr and Samuel Hendriks. Kai Bartel doubled the lead with an unassisted goal. Joshua Biega scored his third of the year on a pretty passing play from Ethan Lett and Owen Davis. Brodie O'Toole capped the scoring on Lett's second assist.

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In Niagara-on-the-Lake, The Virgil Centennial Arena will be offering a free family day skate Feb. 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., courtesy of FACS.

St.Onge records shut–out for 7–0 win over Welland

D'Angelo scores four goals in the win.

The atom Rotary Wolves of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association closed out the regular season this past week by traveling to Welland and trouncing the home town team 7-0.

The Wolves were led by Zack St. Onge who turned away all 17 shots in goal.

Freddy D'Angelo scored four goals with Haiden O'Toole netting two and Max Roberts-Ramos picking up a single.

Multiple assists were recorded by Adam Denee and Tyler Galloway.

The Rotary Wolves are entering the playoffs on a high note and will also look to Zack Mori, Cort Day, Nathan Zalepa, Felicia Mori, Mitchell Brown, Michael Sanders and Marlow Davis to carry the momentum forward into the first round, which starts this week.

Freddy D'Angelo shoots and scores for the NOTL Rotary in a 7-0 win over Welland.

Brox Company and NOTL Rotary atoms tie in 4–4 thriller

Three periods of back and forth action kept crowd on edge of their seats.

The Brox Company and NOTL Rotary atoms faced off for a thrilling game Thursday in the Centennial Arena, and finished the game tied 4-4.

Graeme Lett opened the scoring early in the first for Brox, ripping a shot over the blocker of Rotary goalie Zack St. Onge. Talon Carr earned the assist. Haiden O'Toole brought the game level, putting his own shot over the catcher of Evan Hills, with an assist from Tyler Galloway.

Goalies Hills and St. Onge stood tall in the second, keeping the game tied 1-1 heading into the third.

Rotary struck first, with Adam Denee setting up Michael Sanders for a 2-1 lead. Brox Company stormed back, scoring the next three goals. Lett scored his second of the game, flipping Alexandre Brillon's rebound into the net. Brillon later scored to give the Brox Company Wolves a 3-2 lead, with an assist from Connor Hendriks. Caleb McCarthy gave Brox a 4-2 lead with a tap in on a great pass from Lett behind the net.

But the Rotary Wolves didn't give up, and after Freddy D'Angelo scored an unassisted goal, O'Toole's second goal with 1:24 remaining tied the game at 4-4, with Zack Mori getting the assist.

The great game by both teams delighted the crowd.

Tyler Galloway takes the puck down the ice for the NOTL Rotary atoms.

Glauser scores four goals for Meridian atoms win and tie

Match-ups with two Thorold teams provide positive results.

The Meridian Credit Union atoms played two exciting hockey games in Thorold recently.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association atom Wolves first defeated a home Thorold team 5-4 in back to back exciting hockey action last Saturday.

Taylor Glauser led the scoring with two sweet explosive goals. The scoring continued with Brock Gula's strong one timer shot past the goalie on the left side of the net. Next Gabe Murray and Matthew Vandelaar scored outstanding goals adding to the score board.

Assists were provided by Braeden Fieguth and Brennan Dykstra. Call-up AP player Joel Gula once again played incredible defensively making several key stops along with Colin Pederson.

When the Credit Union traveled again to Thorold to play a tougher team, the result was a 4-4 tie.

Bosten Parliament led the scoring with a nice goal followed by Taylor Glauser collecting two amazing goals. Brennan Dykstra hammered a great one-timer past the Thorold goaltender with only minutes left on the clock to tie the game.

Help was provided by Taylor Glauser and Matt Vandelaar. Colin Pederson, Braeden Fieguth, Gabe Murray and call-up Joel Gula played incredible defence, making several key stops and moving the puck forward.

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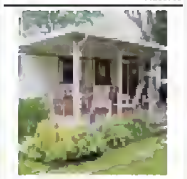

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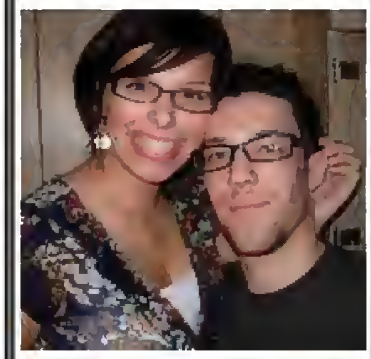

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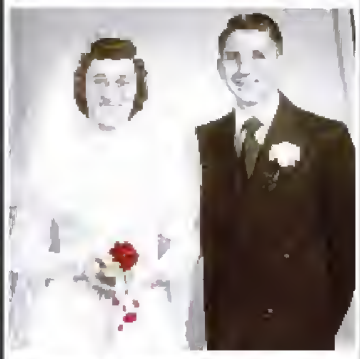

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GOETZ, Lydia - Passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at the St. Catherines General Hospital at the age of 87. Beloved wife of the late Wilhelm (Bill) (2008). Dear mother of Hildegard, Bill (Gayle), the late Gerry (Karan) and Edith (Robert) Nicholson. Cherished grandmother of Sandy, Renee, Tricia, Garth, Lisa, Patricia, Tina and Brian and great-grandmother of 12. Sister of the late Marie Turien. Survived by several nieces and nephews. Lydia worked alongside Bill at their shoe making shop in Niagara Falls for 15 years. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Lydia's family will receive friends at **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME,** 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Thursday, February 17th from 7-9 p.m. A service to celebrate her life will be held on Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (213 Linwell St., St. Catharines). Interment will follow at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. For those who wish memorial donations may be made to Grace Lutheran Church. Online guest register www.morgenfunerel.com

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McMANUS, Frederick (Rick) - Suddenly on Sunday February 13, 2011 at the St. Catharines General Hospital, in his 62nd year. Beloved husband of Lynne, who he just married on December 23, 2010. Loving father of Seamus, step dad to Linda Evans, Stacey Mulholland, and Sean Michael Alexander. Cherished grandpa of Hailey McManus. Rick is survived by his sisters Marilyn Amalfi, Jane Rockwood, his brother Robert McManus, and his nieces, nephews and many dear friends. **GEORGE DARTE FUNERAL CHAPEL** 585 Carlton St., St. Catharines have been entrusted with the arrangements for Mr. McManus. Visiting hours will be held on Monday February 21, 2011 from 11-2 p.m. with the funeral service to follow in the funeral home at 2 p.m. On-Line Guest Book -
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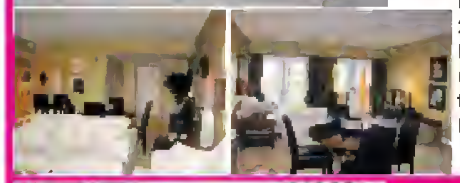

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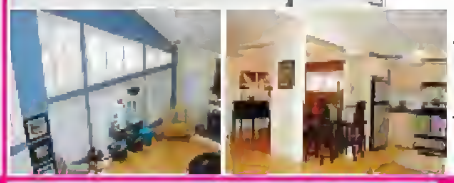

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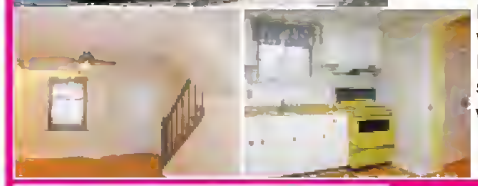

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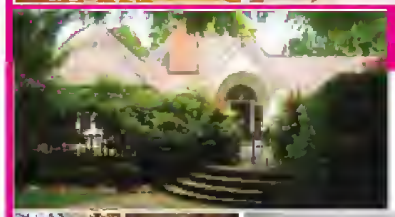

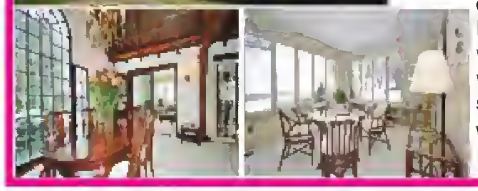

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